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EOC Spot Report Update #6: Region 6, Fire at International Terminal Corporation, Deer Park, TX (NRC# 1240304 and 1240312)

**US Environmental Protection Agency
Report as of March 22, 2019 9:45 EDT**

Overview: On March 17th, Region 6 was notified about the fire at International Terminal Corporation (ITC) in Deer Park, Houston TX. A tank containing naphtha caught on fire. The total capacity of the tank is 80,000 barrels. Fire operations to prevent reignition are ongoing. The PRP will initiate sampling of all brands of foam used during the response to determine if any contained PFOS and PFOA. Water sampling operations are ongoing with additional sampling for PFOS and PFOA and other contaminants which began on March 21st.

The City of Deer Park lifted the community shelter-in-place at 12:00pm on March 21st.

State, Local, and other Federal Agency Action: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is on scene. The PRP has contracted with an incident management team to help manage the incident. The contractor will mobilize additional resources (skimmers, vac trucks, and frac tanks) to conduct cleanup operations at the Tucker and Buffalo Bayou. USCG personnel are participating in Unified Command, focusing on water operations in Tucker Bayou (booming and skimming of foam).

The PRP is currently working on a plan for managing the water in the secondary containment once the fire operations have ceased.

EPA Actions: EPA and START mobilized on March 17th and entered Unified Command with TCEQ, Harris County Pollution Control Services Department (HCPCS), and ITC.

On March 22nd, ASPECT continues to provide airborne sensing. EPA conducted handheld air monitoring on March 21, 2019, from 4:00 am to 12:00 pm at 28 locations. Results were reported above the detection limit at 5 locations for total volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and benzene. The Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzer (TAGA) bus is on site.

EPA opened an Federal Project Number for \$50,000 to fund assistance received from NOAA Scientific Support Coordinator.

Media Interest: High

<https://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Shelter-in-place-for-Deer-Park-plant-fire-13705401.php>

The HQ EOC will continue to monitor and provide updates as needed

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